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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the United States Patent Application of:

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Title: **DETERGENT SHAPED BODIES WITH VISCOELASTIC PHASE**

Petition for Extension Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

On May 16, 2007, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an Office Action. A period of three months was provided for Applicants' Response. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time from the August 16, 2007, deadline to September 16, 2007, to file their Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. The \$120.00 extension fee is being paid by credit card during the electronic-filing procedure.

September 17, 2007 /John S. Child, Jr./ Date John S. Child, Jr. Registration No. 28833

Amendment and Response to Office Action dated 05/16/2007

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Amendment and Response
To United States Patent and Trademark Office
Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

I. Introduction

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated May 16, 2007. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicants' response of three months, *i.e.*, to August 16, 2007. Applicants submit herewith a request for a one-month extension of time to file Applicants' reply, *i.e.*, to September 16, 2007. September 16, 2007, falls on a Sunday. Accordingly, Applicants' reply, which is being electronically filed on Monday, September 17, 2007, is timely under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.7.

Applicants believe that the extension fee being paid by credit card during the electronic filing of the Amendment and Response is the correct amount. However, the Director is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayment of fees to **Deposit Account No.**160750 of the undersigned attorney's law firm.